

In the Specification:

At page 12, in the second full paragraph, please amend as follows:

Figures 3a and 3b are cross-section views of a
profiled member 13, 13' [[, 13'']] of a stent in accordance
with the present invention. Figure 3a is a cross-section
of the section 13 shown in Figure 2a after profiling, and
Figure 3b a cross-section of the section 13' shown in
Figure 2b after profiling. The profiling process results
in the top and bottom portions being substantially flat
[and/or with the surfaces of the top and bottom portions
exhibiting substantially similar absolute radii of
curvature.]